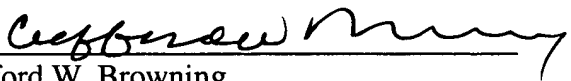


REMARKS

Claims 18-29 have been allowed, for which the Applicant is most appreciative. Claims 15-17, however, stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Walsh and also by Walton. In addition, claims 15-17 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentably obvious over Alfred et al. in view of Walton.

By the foregoing proposed Rule 116 amendment to claim 15, Applicant is proposing to add additional limitations that clearly differentiate claims 15, 16, and 17, from both Walsh and Walton, and which render these claims patentable over a combination of Alfred et al. with Walton. In none of these references does there exist a structure corresponding to a harness for holding the upper body of a passenger in a seat and thereby encircling the body of the passenger to prevent any risk of ejection of the passenger during travel. Applicant trusts the Examiner will also now agree that the added limitations differentiate claims 15-17 over all the prior art of record, and will agree to the entry of the amended claim 15 under Rule 116, and thereafter also allow claims 15-18 over all the prior art of record.

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